

Profile – Natasha (Tash) Ellery

My riding background stems from Pony Club where I represented Western Australia in Eventing and Showjumping in the 1990's on ex race horses. I continued on in both of these sports within EA when I became too old to ride at Pony Club.

In the late 90's we deviated away from breeding ponies to Arabs and Sundale Neptune +S (Ted) was born. After a successful though short lived Hacking career and recovering from laminitis, I entered a 20km social ride to keep a friend company in May 2003. A few months later I watched an endurance ride demo the night before an FEI ride in WA. The 2007 Tom Quilty mentioned and I made a flippant comment to the family that I wanted to do this on Ted.

The rest as they say is history - 18 years later with over 7500km ridden on 5 home bred horses, I am still here.

This sport is where lifelong friendships and memories are made.

Notable memories for me are – gaining my first Best Conditioned award in our qualifying ride in 2005, obtaining a Tom Quilty Buckle in 2007 and winning Best Conditioned Heavyweight, winning the Australian Middleweight Distance Horse of the Year in 2008, representing Australia in the 2010 Trans-Tasman, Ted reaching his 5000km milestone in 2011, becoming the 2020 WAERA State Champion on Joe and starting the 2021 Tom Quilty with my sister who is a show/dressage rider on our home bred horses.

After several years of not being involved with running rides, I joined the Wheatbelt Endurance Riders Incorporated committee in 2021 and am the RO for Bakers Hill.

Away from Endurance you may find me at the end of a fire hose as a Volunteer Firefighter or riding my pony in Mounted Games competitions, which has seen me compete at a national level, and be a Coach and Team Manager at International level.

